

DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS
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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 75-54

TO: All County Welfare Directors

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM - EMERGENCY ISSUANCE OF FOOD STAMPS AND
TIMELY ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION AND ATP ISSUANCE

REFERENCE:

New Food Stamp Program regulations which went into effect December 1, 1974, require all counties to provide same day issuance of coupons, or to provide for food needs by other means, to persons in immediate need of food assistance (Manual Section 63-2314). Counties are to determine whether immediate need exists at the time of receiving an application.

Further, the new regulations require that within 30 days counties must either (1) issue Authorization to Purchase cards or similar county documents, or food stamps (in non-ATP counties) to an applicant determined eligible or (2) notify the applicant of his ineligibility for food stamps, provided that the applicant cooperates in providing all necessary information (Section 63-2350).

Both emergency and normal application processing must be completed within the mandated time limits. Counties should take necessary steps to insure that these requirements are being met.

Should you have any questions regarding this, please contact Byron A. Smith, Chief, Food Stamp Program Management Branch, at (916) 445-6907.

Sincerely,

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